Equipments and weapons to policemen

325. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4875 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have submitted their action plans under the scheme to provide equipments and weapons to policemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for Maharashtra, UP. and Bihar for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. During the current financial year, 2003-04, Annual Plans under the Scheme for Modernization of Police Forces have been received so far only from 10 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 163.64 crore), Jammu and Kashmir (Rs. 67.64 crore), Karnataka (Rs. 151.11 crore), Kerala (Rs. 75.66 crore), Maharashtra (Rs. 186.20 crore), Mizoram (Rs. 20.80 crore), Nagaland (Rs. 46.74 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs. 194.57 crore), Tripura (Rs. 30.55 crore) and Uttaranchal (Rs. 13.16 crore).

(b)The items for which plans have been submitted, *inter-alia,* include construction of thana buildings, equipment for intelligence apparatus, scientific aids to investigation, security equipment, training aids, weaponry, etc.

(c) The details of approved plans, amounts released and utilization reported of the funds reported by the State Governments are given in the Statement enclosed. (See below) During 2003-04, the annual plan of Maharashtra has been considered by the Empowered Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs. No annual plan from the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has been received yet.

Statement

The details of the approved plans amounts released and utilization reported by the State Governments

(Rs. in crore)

Name of State	Year	Total plan approved	Central share released	Utilization reported
Maharashtra				
	2000-01	166.00	83.10	136.77
	2001-02	184.20	92.10	168.83
	2002-03	174.86	68.94*	84.73
Uttar Pradesh				
	2000-01	247.94	123.97	187.28
	2001-02	232.09	116.0495	144.09
	2002-03	219.81	60.89*	33:72
Bihar				
	2000-01	115.17	57.585	34.90
	2001-02	108.00	54.00	Nil
	2002-03	101.38	12.00*	Nil

*Includes POLNET amounts placed at the disposal of DCPW (Rs. 197.39 lakhs for Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh)

Induction of women in commando force

326. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women are being inducted in the commando force i.e., NSG, CRPFandCISF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision has been taken due to the fact that women are being used by insurgents for their activities; and